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## OUR TOWN.

### We Can Make It Better If We Try.

### Louisa Citizens Should Get Busy and Boost Her Advantages, Which are Numerous.

Any place is just what the men who live in it make it.

Don't sit around and damn your town. A town is just as good or just as bad as the people who are damming it.

A town is seldom the result of virgin natural conditions. In any event it was man who saw the natural advantages—and frequently it was some one individual.

For illustration: There is no natural reason why Cleveland should have been the oil center of the world. There are no oil wells in or about the community. So far as oil is concerned, and as a shipping point, it is no better than a dozen and one other towns. It was simply John D. Rockefeller. He wanted to live in Cleveland and his individuality, his personality, brought the oil to him.

There is no reason why Boston should be the shoe market of the world. There are no hides there. They are all shipped from the West. Simply some man who knew how to make shoes on a large scale wanted to live there and his success encouraged others to follow in his wake.

There is no physical reason why Chicago should be the meat-packing center of the world. It could as well have been St. Louis. Simply old Phil Armour wanted to live there.

In nearly every town you visit you hear some resident say: "Aw, this ain't nothin' but an overgrown country village!"

The resident of any town that makes such a statement wears whiskers and boots at heart.

Of course, if your town isn't sporty enough for you, why, you can move—that ain't the town's fault. If you got too sporty, you'll have to move anyhow.

It isn't the sports that make a town—it's the jays.

The man that gave the light for the sports on the Great White Way was a Jay—Thomas A. Edison. A Jay telegraph operator from Indianapolis.

John D. Rockefeller, who, in a money way, is the ideal of every sport, was a Jay from Richford, New York.

Russell Sage, who loaned money to the sports for years, was a Jay—he started by jumping counter in a country store.

Some Jay from Connecticut went to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. He set up a stand on the Midway and sold wooden nutmegs to the sports for souvenirs. Finally he ran out of wooden ones and sold them the real thing at twenty-five cents a throw.

William Dean Howells, America's foremost literary character, will take more pride in telling you of the days when he set type as a Jay printer on the Sentinel at Ashland, Ohio, than his literary success of later years—the days when they used shoe pegs to space the type, and about a printer getting drunk and using a plug of Star tobacco for a cut.

Nearly every man in art, science, literature, industry and commerce here in America today either is or was a Jay.

Cincinnati is the supply center of the South. Years ago, at the waning of the river traffic, it was about to give place to Louisville and Memphis in the commerce of that territory.

The citizens of Cincinnati got busy and built the Cincinnati Southern Railroad.

This road was the dream of a Jay. They called him a Jay dreamer, but his dream saved the town.

You hear people of the Far West in mercantile, industrial, artistic and scientific pursuits, saying: "If we were only in Chicago we could do so good and so." In Chicago you hear them say: "If we were only in New York." When in New York you

hear them wishing for something in London or Paris.

Chicago, New York, London and Paris are all the results of their citizens taking the conditions and material at hand and doing the best they could with them—just as we can all do.

There you are! Any place is just what the people who live in it make it.

If any of the towns that any of us live in are not to our liking, why let's get busy—it's all up to us.

The first process in the improvement of any town is to get rid of the people who are damming it.

### Council Proceedings.

The city council met in regular session last Tuesday night. Major Burns and members Wilson, Hill, Wellman and Vinson present. The regular business was transacted, at which some new matters were discussed. The subject of dilapidated and new sidewalks was gone over and it was agreed to "go for" some property owners in earnest next month.

The tax to be collected this year amounts to \$4219, the largest sum ever on the city's books.

It was ordered that printed notices be published and posted, ordering owners of dogs to call at the treasurer's office and settle at once.

The sum of \$45 was turned in to the emergency fund, to be used in further work on the streets.

### A Pleasant Affair.

Dr. W. B. McClure and daughter, Miss Martha, spent several days with Louisa relatives recently. During their stay Miss Martha gave a theater party at the Eldorado to many of her young friends. After the show she was also hostess for them at the Greek Cafe, where delicious refreshments were served. It was a very pleasant occasion.

### SEVERE STORM.

### Wrought Havoc Among the Trees of This Vicinity.

The intense heat of Sunday last culminated in the worst rain and windstorm that has swept over this section since the tornado of 1907.

The day had been the hottest of the season, probably hotter than any day last summer, and the breeze and cooler temperature of the early night were hailed with delight by the many who had sweated and sweat during the daylight hours. But the pleasure soon gave way to apprehension as the wind grew and the rain increased. In a short time a storm raged which did a great deal of damage and caused much loss, fortunately without causing death or serious hurt, so far as we can learn, to body or limb. Fortunately the growing corn is too small to be hurt by wind, but the smaller grain must have suffered seriously. From all quarters comes the cry of great injury to fruit and shade trees. These have everywhere been uprooted, twisted, broken off and divested of branches large and small. Windows were smashed, chimneys blown down, and in some instances roofs torn entirely or partially off. At the Hammond place, half a mile or so below Fort Gay, the occupants must have thought that the end of all things had come. The house is in a bottom where the wind had a fair sweep, and it came pretty nearly sweeping it off the face of the earth. The building is a two story one, recently improved, and its front was ornamented by a porch nearly as long as that at the Brunswick. At the height of its raging the wind lifted this long porch over the top of the house into the back yard, quite a distance from the house, carrying with it a part of the roof. The residence was left in a condition better imagined than described. At the residence of J. Q. Lackey many of the stately old maples are ruins, and up and down Lock avenue and along the streets the passage of the storm King has left its marks.

At the J. C. Thomas place, the old Capt. Froomer home, much damage was done. Nearly all the fine fruit and shade trees were blown down.

### A Family Affair.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Lackey was the scene of a pleasant family affair on Sunday last. The occasion was the reunion of all the children of the late Judge John M. Rice, with other relatives whose names will appear. The comfortable home is noted for a genuine Kentucky hospitality—good things galore and a hearty welcome, and on this particular day this feature was prominent and emphatic. All the longings of the inner man—and woman—were satisfied with the best of the season, the market and the house could afford, prepared and served to the queen's taste.

During the afternoon photographs of all present were made in various groups, to be kept and treasured as mementos of the delightful occasion.

Those present were Mrs. Ada Rice Thomas, of Cincinnati, Mrs. Ida Rice McConnell of Catlettsburg, Mr. John M. Rice, whose legal residence is Louisa, and Mrs. Lida Rice Lackey, the children of Judge Rice; Mrs. John M. Rice, Judge James McConnell, of Catlettsburg, and Mr. James Q. Lackey, daughter-in-law and son-in-law of Judge Rice, and Mrs. Reba Lackey Corns, of Kentucky river, and Junior Lackey, of Louisa, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lackey. Deep regret was felt because of the unavoidable absence of the other two children, Alex, of Los Angeles, California, and John G. of East Liverpool, O.

### Work of the Postoffice.

By order of the Department Postmaster Hughes kept an account of the number of pieces of mail of every description which came into and passed out of the Louisa postoffice during the entire month of May. The count ended May 31, and the News gives the result: 28427 letters were sent out and 33296 were received. 2591 circulars went out and 6142 came in. 517 pieces of 3rd class matter went out and 647 came in; 4th class, 602 went out and 1913 came in. 696 pieces of franked matter were sent out and 987 came in. One foreign letter was received and none was sent out. There were 13 congressional and 3 other franks. 265 registered letters passed through in transit and 219 were sent from Louisa. The number of outgoing pieces at pound rates was \$417, incoming 19571. 246 magazines were sent out and 571 were received. Newspapers with postage paid, outgoing 266, incoming, 117, making a total of 94228 pieces handled during the month, or an average of 2936 per day. Forty-five years ago Louisa received one mail a week, the postmaster handling probably fifty pieces of mail on mail day.

### Christian Women's Convention.

Rev. J. B. Artrip, Earl Peters, Thurman Felty, Watt Riffe, Cecil Wellman, Haskell Lee, Sheila Lee, Ethel Wellman, Lizzie Lee, Georgia Byington and Marie Byington, all of this city, attended the convention of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, recently held at Olive Hill. The delegation was accompanied by the Rev. R. B. Neal and the Misses Barbara Englund and Dewey Flannery, of Pikeville. The Louisa delegation attracted much attention. By the efforts of the delegates, Louisa was chosen as the 1912 meeting place of the Convention.

### GOES TO CINCINNATI.

Arch McClure, of this place, has accepted a clerkship in the Palace Hotel at Cincinnati, and will enter upon his duties in a short time. Arch is quite a popular hotel man and will get a lot of Big Sandy business for the Palace. He has given the public satisfactory service as manager of the Brunswick and his departure will be regretted by Louisa people.

### LEVI EDWARDS DEAD.

Levi Edwards, a well known citizen of Williamson, was instantly killed Monday night just east of Bernsby by a train. The body was cut to pieces. Mr. Edwards and a friend had spent the evening on the Kentucky side of the river and Edwards started home first. The other man found his mangled body several hours later.

## OUTSIDERS

### Watching the Senatorial Fight in Kentucky.

### James Suffers in Comparison With Paynter as Big Newspapers View the Two Candidates.

Frankfort, Ky., June 6.—The big newspapers of the country are watching with a good deal of interest the fight being waged in Kentucky between United States Senator Thom. H. Paynter and Congressman Ollie James for the seat in the Senate now so capably occupied by the first named, and their comment on the methods of Mr. James in his campaign should be of interest to the Democratic voters as giving them an insight into what the people of other states think of the man and the character of contest he is waging, as well as giving their opinions of Paynter as a statesman and member of the Senate.

In a recent comment, Leslie's Weekly said of James:—"It is too bad that we have so many of the Ollie James type in our legislative bodies—who think there is nothing in the world for a public man to do but to seek to gain political advantage, to capture votes and to attract attention."

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, discussing the Lorimer case, says: "That Senator Paynter should appeal to his colleagues to act as judges, considering the law and the facts only, and disregarding alike the clamors of faction and the menaces of party, is entirely natural when we remember the life and character of the man."

A Washington dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer, at the time the "long and short haul" railroad proposition was before the United States Senator a year ago, read:—"Senator Aldrich was completely routed upon the long and short haul proposition in the open Senate this afternoon. By a vote of 57 to 19 the Paynter amendment, declaring it unlawful for a railroad to charge more for a short than for a long haul was adopted." This is the same Mr. Aldrich with whom Congressman James would have Kentucky Democrats believe Senator Paynter is in league.

Another Washington dispatch, this time to the Louisville Courier-Journal, relative to the Employers' Liability Amendment, introduced by Senator Paynter, which provides that no case arising under this act and brought in any state court of competent jurisdiction shall be moved to any court of the United States, says:—"The adoption of this amendment is regarded as of great importance, because it is a step toward restoring to the states the rights and control of matters which have been claimed by the Democrats to be the rights of the states under the Constitution. Heretofore efforts to modify Federal laws so as to give state courts jurisdiction of matters arising under acts of Congress and to change the law as to removal of action from State to Federal courts have been ineffectual."

Of Senator Paynter's work in securing this amendment, Senator Hale, long a leader in the upper branch of Congress, said: "This is a noteworthy advance in the direction of maintaining the constantly dwindling force to State jurisdiction and State control. I congratulate the Senate upon having taken the first step in the right direction."

Geo. Callan O'Laughlin, one of the brightest and best known newspaper men at the National Capital, recently reviewed Senator Paynter's brief career in the Senate. At one point he wrote:

"When Paynter arrived in Washington he quickly made himself felt in the Senate Chamber and was given an honor extended to few new Senators, being placed upon the important Judiciary Committee. The Senator has been active in connection with the tariff, the railroad rate, the postal savings and the Federal Incorporation bill. He strongly advocated lower duties

on all materials used by the press, insisting it was important to the Nation that independent newspapers should flourish. He also has shown a marked knowledge of international as well as ordinary law. In short, he is regarded as a valuable addition to the United States Senate."

The foregoing gives in brief fashion, the opinion from outside Kentucky of Senator Paynter's worth as a member of the Federal Senate from Kentucky, showing that, from his first, he has taken front rank among the leaders of thought in the Nation, and is today in position where he can accomplish much, if retained in his position, not only of benefit to the State and Nation, but add to the honor of Kentucky, which has furnished many of the country's greatest statesmen.

### Her Birthday.

Miss Anna Mary Miller was three years old June 6th, 1911. On this occasion, which, unfortunately, will never occur again, Emily Gene Herr, Caroline Burns, Louise Miller, Catherine Carey, Wirt Ballard, Curtis Vaughan, Arthur Justice, Blanche May Bromley and Jim Ferguson put on their best bibs and tuckers and marched and were trundled to the scene of natal day festivities, ready for the feast and the frolic. It was a good looking bunch, one that would attract admiring attention anywhere. It was a typical function—decorations, favors, refreshments, presents—all in excellent shape. All the guests were too full and some too young for utterance, but they all seemed to fully enjoy the occasion.

### Have Gone to Graham.

Mrs. Vic Prichard and Virginia Hager went to Graham, Va., on Monday last, called there by the critical illness of Mrs. Prichard's brother-in-law, Mr. Tate Greaver.

### WOMEN LIVE LONGER.

### Both General and Local Statistics Show Men Dying Younger.

Touching the subject of the greater longevity of women as compared with the length of life of men the following clipping sent with a personal letter to the News by Mr. B. F. Thomas, of Cincinnati, is pertinent and interesting. With his letter Mr. Thomas also sends the names of old residents, men and women, and the names of the men who preceded their wives to the Great Beyond. Here is the clipping, and Mr. Thomas' letter and list follow:

### Why Women Live Long.

Not because women naturally "want to have the last word," but because they require less oxygen than men, and so can stand more heat and a more rarefied air, because they suffer less from anaesthetics and are also more likely to survive hanging; because rigidity of the thorax and hardening of the arteries begin earlier in men than in women; because they have more power to endure suffering and resist disease, and because, in general, women are "physiological misers" while men are "physiological spendthrifts." are the main reasons given by Dr. A. H. Stewart in the Medical Record why there are more female than male centenarians.

The weaker sex is the more tenacious of life. There were about 4,000 persons over 100 years of age in this country, as reported by the census of 1890—about 2,600 women and 1,400 men. Statistics of other countries show about the same ratio.

In every community there seem to be more widows than widowers, and perhaps an explanation of this phenomenon may be found in the more pronounced tendency to longevity among women than among men. Another point, which the learned physician does not discuss, is the question whether woman's industrial and economic efficiency is prolonged to a later period in life than man's.

Cincinnati, O., May 31, '11. I enclose a clipping which brings to mind a thing I have often mentioned when riding on the train between Louisa and Catlettsburg,

and which it might be interesting for you to investigate a little further than I have. When I came on to the Chattahoochee about 32 years ago, I was thrown into association, more or less intimate, with the farmers along the route of that crooked railroad and I have, in a way, kept track of many of these people ever since and it has always been a mystery to me why, as a rule, the men die before the women do. You are familiar with the old wagon road, and if you will first allow your mind's eye to travel it again, slowly, you will find about 20 men who died before their wives, to about 4 whose better halves preceded them to the Great Beyond. I enclose a list as I make it up from memory, but it is not guaranteed as absolutely correct, and I hope you will verify and enlarge it if it interests you.

Men died first: Capt. M. Froomer, John Friend, Wm. Fulkerson, Jake Rice, Dr. McGuire, Mr. Whit, Mr. Caines, Wm. Blankenship, Jr., James Hewlett, O. Fuller, Ed Smith, Mr. Burney, Strocher Burgess, Stephen Curstute, Mr. Turman, Joe Wright, Lewis Prichard, Joe Powell, George Burgess, Wm. Moore, John Lockwood. Those surviving their wives were: P. L. Scaggs, Lefe Kinner, Pick Lockwood and John Ewing. I can't say as to John Smith, Ransom Hatfield, Reese Bryant, B. F. Johnson, Jim Vanhorn, Jesse Cyrus, John Riddle, J. M. Finney, Wm. Prichard, Bud Newman, John and Sam Turman, J. F. Hatten, Charley Warren, Jake Compton, Jim Stump, the Loukin brothers, Oliver Buchanan, Evan Burke, Jim Burke, Cord Leffingwell, "Old Ped" Frank Maynard, Mr. Potter, Smith Crabtree, and a man named Wellman who lived at Fulkerson branch. Many of these, most of them probably, are still alive.

### Prestonsburg too Tame.

Two young girls from Prestonsburg, by the names of Burdett and Stone, came to Ashland on O. and N. S. train No. 27 this forenoon; and it developed that they were bound for Algor, O., having run away from home. They had grown tired of prosy life in Prestonsburg and wished to get out and see the world. The Stone girl had never been on a railway train before; in fact, had never been outside her home town before.

But they got "cold feet" after sitting around the depot for awhile, even though they had already bought tickets for South Portsmouth. They told Agent Irwin they had changed their minds, so bought tickets for that dear Prestonsburg and returned home. —Ashland Independent.

### Ran Amuck.

Frank Rouse, of Normal, was the central figure in a setto on a down bound Ohio Valley Electric Railway car, Saturday night.

It is said he was under the influence of liquor, and grew boisterous and quarrelsome. When admonished by the conductor to keep quiet, Rouse grew frenzied, and, drawing a murderous looking knife, began slashing right and left, as a result of which three men were wounded.

Conductor Gibson sustained a bad cut on the left arm; Sol Miller, a Yellow Poplar Lumber Co. employe, had his left hand badly slashed; while Harry Rife, a young man from Central City, was the worst hurt, he receiving a long cut on the left cheek, extending downward from the eye.

### SHOOTING IN ASHLAND.

Glen Wells, of Ashland, who is characterized as "a young fellow about town," used his "gun" with fatal effect in that city about noon last Sunday. The affray occurred on 15th street, between Front and Greenup avenues. As a result of his bad whisky and good aim Cass, Holland, of Ashland, is dead. Will Frank, also of Ashland, is perhaps fatally wounded, and George Justice of Ironton, is slightly wounded. The pistol user is in Boyd county jail, awaiting on examining trial. Ashland is supposed to be a very "dry" town, but all these parties were more or less drunk. Young Frank is a son of policeman Coon Frank, who was shot and killed a year or two ago by Bob Hammond.